

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
AREA UNDER CROP, 1947-48.

When the annual farm statistics were being collected last autumn, farmers were asked to indicate the areas that they intended to sow with wheat, barley and oats for all purposes (for grain, hay or feeding off) for this coming season.

During the last few weeks, particulars of their actual sowings have been obtained from a number of farmers in all districts of the State and whose areas under crop represent nearly 40% of the total area under crop. These actual sowings were compared with the areas intended for sowing by the same farmers and the comparative figures obtained were as follows:- Wheat - Intended 1,002,038 Actually sown 987,886; Barley - Intended 188,622, Actually Sown 193,641; and Oats - Intended 226,343, Actually Sown 224,202 acres.

This sample collection indicates that the areas actually sown varied only slightly from that which had been intended. The general experience was the same throughout the State and the Estimated totals given below are based on this experience.

The following statement gives the comparisons of the total areas for certain specified seasons.

<u>Seasons</u>	<u>Wheat</u> <u>Acres</u>		<u>Barley</u> <u>Acres</u>		<u>Oats</u> <u>Acres</u>		<u>Total</u> <u>Acres</u>	
1930-31	4,507,213	a	267,369		519,300		5,293,882	a
1939-40	2,948,110		558,559	b	834,793	b	4,341,462	
1943-44	1,675,778	c	304,382	c	558,065		2,538,225	c
1944-45	1,850,682		402,700		664,436		2,917,818	
1945-46	2,407,253		479,384		686,128		3,572,765	
1946-47	2,662,150		520,027		485,736	d	3,667,913	
1947-48								
Intended	2,600,000		575,000		600,000		3,775,000	
Estimated	2,570,000		590,000		600,000		3,760,000	

The areas sown in 1946-47 were harvested as follows:-

Grain	2,518,948	502,005	252,325	3,273,278
Hay	134,391	3,418	159,681	297,490
Fed Off	8,811	14,604	73,730	97,145

- Notes
- Maximum area for wheat and for the total.
 - Maximum areas for barley and oats
 - Lowest areas for wheat and barley in recent years and for the total.
 - Lowest area for oats in recent years.